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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/164,432	Applicant(s) UNDERBRINK ET AL.	
	Examiner Nguyen T. Vo	Art Unit 2618	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-10 and 12-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 September 1998 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kohlschmidt (6,029,061, cited by examiner).

As to claim 1, Kohlschmidt discloses a method for use in reestablishing a timing signal in a high frequency timing circuit after the high frequency timing circuit has lost power (see column 2 lines 34-45), the method comprising (a) measuring the timing of a low frequency timing circuit against the timing of the high frequency timing circuit before the high frequency timing circuit has lost power (see column 2 lines 34-45; column 5 lines 34-46), (b) using the low frequency timing circuit to measure time after the high frequency timing circuit has lost power (see column 2 lines 34-45; column 5 lines 34-46; column 6 lines 48-67; column 8 lines 1-22), and (c) based on a time measurement obtained from the low frequency timing circuit reestablishing the timing signal at an appropriate time after the high frequency timing circuit has regained power (see column 2 lines 41-45; column 3 lines 28-40; column 6 lines 23-67; column 8 lines 1-22).

As to claims 2-3, 7-9, 14-17, see column 6 lines 3-17, lines 47-57.

As to claims 4, 10, see column 2 lines 41-45; column 6 lines 47-57.

As to claim 6, first of all the rejection to claim 1 as set forth above is incorporated. In addition, Kohlschmidt further discloses calibration circuitry as claimed (see column 6 lines 47-52).

As to claim 13, first of all the rejection to claim 1 as set forth above is incorporated. In addition, since the mobile station in Kohlschmidt operates in GSM system (see column 1 lines 37-53), Kohlschmidt further discloses frame pulses as claimed (see column 6 lines 11-15; see also the present specification, page 3 lines 22-28 which states that GSM system generates frame pulses from the clocks).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

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5. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kohlschmidt.

As to claim 12, Kohlschmidt fails to disclose automatically recovering of time, day and date information from a base station as claimed. The examiner, however, takes Official Notice that such a teaching is known in the art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the above conventional teaching to Kohlschmidt, in order to improve accuracy of the clock in the mobile station.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 5, 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As to claims 5, 11, the applied references fail to disclose or render obvious reestablishing the timing signal as specified in the claims.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Jokinen (5,416,435); Peponides (5,790,941); Hofmann (6,728,234); Wendelrup (5,943,613); Lansdowne (5,737,323); Shohara (US 2005/0043068) disclose clock synchronization.

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nguyen T. Vo whose telephone number is (571) 272-7901. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on (571)272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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